I claim:

1. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass with chemical resistance and having a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

0 - 1

0 - 0.6

CeO₂

F

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

2. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

$$B_2O_3$$
 9 - 18

with
$$Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$$
 5.5 - 13.5

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

3. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

$$B_2O_3$$
 9 - 13

$$Na_2O$$
 0 - 3

with
$$Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$$
 5.5 - 13.5

$$ZrO_2$$
 3-7

$$CeO_2$$
 0 - 0.4

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

4. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

$$B_2O_3$$
 9 - 12

$$Na_2O$$
 0 - 3

$$K_2O$$
 7 - 10

with
$$Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$$
 7 - 13.5

$$ZrO_2$$
 4 - 7.

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

5. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

$$Na_2O$$
 0 - 3

with
$$Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O = 8 - 13.5$$

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

6. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

with
$$Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$$
 5.5 - 10.5

$$ZrO_2$$
 0.8 - 5

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

7. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

$$SiO_2$$
 67 - 70
 B_2O_3 15 - 18
 Li_2O 0 - 1
 Na_2O 0 - 3
 K_2O 7 - 10
with $Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$ 7 - 12.5
 ZnO 0 - 1

 ZrO_2 2.5 - 6

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

8. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, characterized by a composition, in percent by weight, based on oxide content, of:

and optionally at least one refining agent in a standard amount for refining.

- 9. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, and containing at least 0.2 percent by weight of said Li₂O.
- 10. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, and containing at least 0.3 percent by weight of said Na₂O.
- 11. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, and containing at least 0.5 percent by weight of said Na₂O.
- 12. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, and containing at least 0.2 percent by weight of said Li₂O and at least 0.3 percent by weight of said Na₂O.
- 13. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, free of As₂O₃ and Sb₂O₃ apart from inevitable impurities thereof.
- 14. Aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1, having a coefficient of thermal expansion α (20°C; 300°C) of between 3.0 X 10⁻⁶ /K and 6 X 10⁻⁶ / K and a working point V_A of between 990°C and 1290°C.
- 15. A primary pharmaceutical packaging material consisting of the aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1.

- 16. A glass fiber comprising the aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1.
- 17. The glass fiber as defined in claim 16, and having a composition and properties for reinforcing concrete.
- 18. A sealing glass for tungsten, molybdenum or KOVAR® consisting of the aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1.
- 19. A fluorescent lamp made with the aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1.
- 20. The fluorescent lamp as defined in claim 19 and consisting of a miniaturized fluorescent lamps.
- 21. An apparatus glass consisting of the aluminum-free borosilicate glass as defined in claim 1.